(c) the total number of persons of the SCs/STs/OBCs categories as on 2nd July, 1997;

(d) the fresh vacancies/posts created/occurred since then and those appointed against each?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Computer education at block level

†4743. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a scheme for imparting computer education at the block level everywhere in the country has been prepared;

(b) if so, the broad outlines thereof; and

(c) the blocks which have been identified in different States in the country, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (c) The Department of Secondary and Higher Education has launched a revised Computer Literacy and Studies in Schools (CLASS) scheme to impart computer education to the students of Government and Government aided schools. The revised CLASS scheme is not restricted to the block level. Financial assistance is provided to States/U.Ts on the basis of Computer Education Plans (CEPs) submitted by the State/U.Ts. Besides the KVS and NVS would convert one school per State/U.T. into SMART school for which a grant of not more than Rs. 25 lakhs would be given per

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SMART school. Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas would also be given funds at the rate of Rs. 15,000/- per neighbourhood school to impart computer literacy to 10 neighbourhood schools to cover 10,000 such schools over a period of three years.

Under the revised CLASS scheme, Union Government would provide 75% of the financial assistance while the State Govts./U.Ts. would have to contribute a minimum of 25% of the funds. The CLASS scheme also provides for contribution of 25% of funds, from the MPLADS, in addition or as an alternative, to State Government contribution.

The schools are to be selected by the State/U.T. Government.

Employees in Aanganwadis

†4744. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the present number of Aanganwadi centres, State-wise and the number of employees working therein;

(b) whether Government allocate funds for the functioning of these centres;

(c) if so, the details of funds allocated during last three years;

(d) whether facilities and financial aid provided to Aanganwadi centre by State Governments; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) State-wise number of Aanganwadi Centres are given in the Statement annexed and marked as Statement-I *(See* below). Each Aanganwadi Centre has a Aanganwadi Worker and a helper, who are honorary workers.

(b) Yes, Sir.

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